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## **National Park System Advisory Board Report: Released July 25<sup>th</sup>**

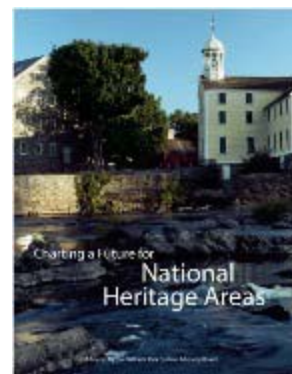
The National Park System Advisory Board has released *Charting a Future for National Heritage Areas: A Report by the National Park System Advisory Board*. National Park Service Director Fran Mainella, Senator Craig Thomas and members of the Alliance of National Heritage Areas were among the supporters of National Heritage Areas who gathered at a Capitol press conference July 25th for the report release.



The 32-page report, designed by the National Geographic Society, highlights the accomplishments of the 27 existing National Heritage Areas. The report's findings and recommendations are the result of an almost two year review of National Heritage Areas headed by National Park System Advisory Board member Jerry Hruby, mayor of Brecksville, Ohio, in partnership with the Alliance of National Heritage Areas.

For more information on the July 25<sup>th</sup> press conference, visit:  
<http://inside.nps.gov/index.cfm?handler=viewnpsnewsarticle&type=Announcements&id=4660>

To view an electronic version of the report, visit  
[www.nps.gov/policy/NHAreport.htm](http://www.nps.gov/policy/NHAreport.htm)



## **Legislative Update (109<sup>th</sup> Congress)**



### **Program legislation**

National Heritage Areas Partnership Act (S. 243, H.R. 760) - *passed*  
*Senate 7-26-05*

Administration Legislative Proposal transmitted to Congress on July 25, 2006

### **National heritage area study bills**

Southern Campaign of the Revolution Heritage Area (H.R. 1289, S. 1121) - *passed*

*Senate as part of S. 203, Title III, Subtitle C, 7-26-05; passed House on 7-24-06.*  
St. Croix National Heritage Area (H.R. 61)-*text from house bill added as Title III to H.R. 938, passed the House 5-16-05; passed Senate as part of S. 203, Title III, Subtitle B, 7-26-05; passed House on 7-24-06.*  
Western Reserve National Heritage Area (H.R. 412)-*H.R. 412 passed the House 3-14-05; passed Senate as part of S. 203, Title III, Subtitle A, 7-26-05, passed House on 7-24-06.*

### **National Heritage Area designation bills**

Arabia Mountain National Heritage Area (H.R. 2099, H.R. 2297, S. 200) — *passed Senate as part of S. 203, Title II, Subtitle C, 7-26-05, passed House on 7-24-06.*  
Atchafalaya National Heritage Area (H.R. 522, S. 204) — *passed Senate as part of S. 203, Title II, Subtitle B, 7-26-05, passed House on 7-24-06.*  
Bleeding Kansas/Freedom's Frontier National Heritage Area (S. 175, H.R. 413)-*passed Senate as part of S. 203, Title II, Subtitle E, 7-26-05, passed House on 7-24-06.*  
Champlain Valley National Heritage Partnership (S. 322) - *passed Senate as part of S. 203, Title II, Subtitle G, 7-26-05, passed House on 7-24-06.*  
Crossroads of the American Revolution National Heritage Area (H.R. 87, S. 825)-*passed Senate as part of S. 203, Title II, Subtitle J, 7-26-05; passed House on 7-24-06.*  
Great Basin National Heritage Route (S. 249)- *passed Senate as part of S. 203, Title II, Subtitle H, 7-26-05, passed House on 7-24-06.*  
Gullah/Geechee Cultural Heritage Corridor (H.R. 694)-*H.R. 694 passed the House on 3-14-05; passed Senate as part of S. 203, Title II, Subtitle I, 7-26-05, passed House on 7-24-06.*  
National Mormon Pioneer Heritage Area (S. 163) - *passed Senate as part of S. 203, Title II, Subtitle D, 7-26-05, passed House on 7-24-06.*  
Northern Rio Grande National Heritage Area (S. 63, H.R. 732)- *passed Senate as part of S. 203, Title II, Subtitle A, 7-26-05, passed House on 7-24-06.*  
Upper Housatonic Valley National Heritage Area (S. 429, H.R. 938, H.R. 5311) - *passed Senate as part of S. 203, Title II, Subtitle F, 7-26-05, passed House on 7-24-06.*

### **Related National Heritage Area bills**

To amend the Illinois and Michigan Canal National Heritage Corridor Act of 1984 to help ensure the appropriate transition of the management entity of the heritage corridor (H.R.1820)—*Added as Title II to H.R. 938, passed the House 5-16-05; passed the Senate as part of S. 203, Title IV, 7-26-05, passed House on 7-24-06.*  
National Coal Heritage Area Amendments (S. 203, Title IX) - *Passed House on 7-24-06.*  
John H. Chafee Blackstone River Valley NHC Reauthorization Act (S. 1387 [10 year reauthorization, SRS] S. 1721, Title III, H.R. 3775[20 year reauthorization]) - *Senate hearing on both bills, 6-22-06; passed House as part of S. 203, Title VII on 7-24-06.*  
National Heritage Areas Act of 2005 (formally the Soda Ash bill) (S. 203)-*passed the Senate on 7-26-05; includes many study and designation bills; an amended version passed House on 7-24-06, back to Senate.*

## News from the Heritage Areas

- The National Aviation Hall of Fame (NAHF), one of the principal partners of the **National Aviation Heritage Area**, held its 45<sup>th</sup> Annual Enshrinement Dinner & Ceremony at the Dayton Convention Center on Saturday, July 15, 2006. Four more air and space pioneers joined the roster of 186 men and women aviation legends previously so honored by the Congressionally-chartered, non-profit NAHF. The NAHF Class of 2006 is the late Bessie Coleman, the first African American civilian to earn a pilot certificate; David Lee



“Tex” Hill, WWII Flying Tiger ace; Cliff Robertson, Academy Award-winning actor, pilot and general aviation advocate; and Robert M. White, record-setting test pilot and X-15 astronaut.

Widely referred to as “America’s Oscar Night of Aviation,” this year’s ceremony also boasted Academy Award winning filmmaker and pilot, Tony Bill, as Master-of-Ceremonies. Guests included leaders from the civil and military aviation industry, government officials, nominees and former

enshrinees, and aviation enthusiasts from around the U.S.

To learn more about the National Aviation Heritage Area, visit <http://www.birthplaceofaviation.com>.

## News from the Alliance of National Heritage Areas (ANHA)

### **-New ANHA Economic Impact Study Available**

An important element of the work of National Heritage Areas is to draw in visitors to heritage sites, facilities, and other attractions. In 2005, five National Heritage Areas—Augusta Canal NHA in Georgia, the Delaware and Lehigh NHA and the Lackawanna Heritage Valley in Pennsylvania, and the Essex NHA in Massachusetts and the National Coal Heritage Area in West Virginia—participated in a study to assess the characteristics of the visitors to their sites and estimate the impact of these visitors on the local economies.

These five heritage areas alone attracted more than 5.5 million tourists in 2005. An estimated 68.3 million visitors visited the entire 27 National Heritage Areas in the same year. The impact of this tourism activity is significant to the local economies of each region. ANHA has recently published the findings of that study and copies may be purchased [\$1.50 per copy] by e-mailing your name, mailing address, and number of copies requested to [anha.cosgrove@adelphia.net](mailto:anha.cosgrove@adelphia.net)

### **-Coming Soon: New ANHA website**

The Alliance of National Heritage Areas is in the process of redesigning its website. ANHA anticipates presenting the new website in fall 2006. Meanwhile, the current website is an excellent resource. Please visit <http://nationalheritageareas.org> for ANHA news, opportunities and more.

## Conferences and Events

-**Partners Working for Tourism** will hold the Federal State Tourism Summit, September 6-8 in Arlington, VA at Crystal Gateway Marriott. Speakers include Secretary Dirk Kempthorne, U.S. Department of the Interior; Gov. Tim Kaine, Virginia; Rep. Mark Foley, Florida; Rep. Jim Oberstar, Minnesota; Larry Selzer, The Conservation Fund; and Derrick Crandall, American Recreation Coalition. To see the Summit's proposed agenda and to register, visit [http://www.southeasttourism.org/fall\\_meeting.html](http://www.southeasttourism.org/fall_meeting.html).

## Publications and Resources

-The **National Register of Historic Places** has launched its 41st travel itinerary, on the *Ohio and Erie Canal National Heritage Corridor*. This itinerary is currently the main feature on their homepage and highlights 49 National Register of Historic Places along the canal route extending from Cleveland south to New Philadelphia. To view the itinerary, visit, [www.cr.nps.gov/nr](http://www.cr.nps.gov/nr).



-**Partners in Tourism** is bringing back the popular quarterly newsletter, *Cultural Heritage Tourism News*. The summer 2006 issue will be available soon as a downloadable electronic newsletter at [www.culturalheritagetourism.org](http://www.culturalheritagetourism.org). This coming issue includes new research on visitation at historic house museums, an update on the Civic Tourism conference that took place in Prescott, Arizona in April, cultural heritage tourism updates from federal and state programs and much more.

-The **Delaware and Lehigh National Heritage Corridor** report and executive summary, *Connecting Stories, Landscapes, and People: Exploring the Delaware & Lehigh National Heritage Corridor Partnership. A Technical Assistance Project for the Delaware & Lehigh National Heritage Corridor Commission and the Delaware & Lehigh National Heritage Corridor, Inc.* 2006, are up on the Conservation Study Institute (CSI) website at [http://www.nps.gov/csi/pub\\_resources/pub.htm](http://www.nps.gov/csi/pub_resources/pub.htm).

## Other News

-Arthur C. "Bud" Liebler, a partner in Liebler!MacDonald Public Relations in Rochester Hills and a thirty year veteran of marketing and public relations executive positions at DaimlerChrysler and Ford Motor Company, has joined the **MotorCities National Heritage Area** as interim Executive Director.

-During the 30th session of the **World Heritage Committee** held in Vilnius, Lithuania from 8-16 July, 18 new sites were inscribed on the World Heritage List. The new inscriptions include two natural sites and sixteen cultural sites, and three existing sites were extended. Improvements in the state of conservation of five sites warranted their removal from the List of World Heritage in Danger, while



two sites were added to that list, which now numbers 31 sites. Mauritius had its first site added to the List during this session. For more information, visit: <http://whc.unesco.org/en/newproperties/>.

- **Brandenburg University of Technology Cottbus (BTU)**, Germany, hosted from June 14-18 the international symposium "Heritage Education - Capacity Building in Heritage Management". The symposium was based on the results of a two year EU funded project "Development of Multidisciplinary Management Strategies for the Protection and Use of World Heritage in Asia and Europe" (MUMA). Symposium panels included:

- University Education: Heritage Management – its Concepts and Implementation, its Experiences and Evaluation;
- Capacity Building in Heritage Management – Local Participation and Youth Involvement;
- Heritage in Young Hands – New Target Groups for Heritage Education.

For more detailed information, please visit [www.unizar.es/muma](http://www.unizar.es/muma) or mail to: [sieglinde.gauer-lietz@tu-cottbus.de](mailto:sieglinde.gauer-lietz@tu-cottbus.de)

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